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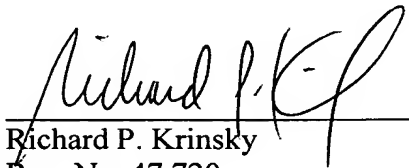
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- I. This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).
- II. A Preliminary Amendment, including a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification (21 pages). Please enter the Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee.
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- IV. A check for the filing in the amount of \$1000.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-1010 (677/44187).
- V. An English Translation of the International Application PCT/EP04/002482, including 1 sheet of 2 Figures (11 pages).
- VI. A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- VII. An Assignment with a check in the amount of \$40.00.
- VIII. Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 with 7 references.



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